

Language practice

Subject-verb agreement

A sentence has a subject and an object

- The **subject** is the person or thing doing the action.
- The **object** is the person or thing affected by the action.
- The **verb** is the action of the sentence.

For example: The girl picked flowers.

The girl – subject picked – verb flowers – object

A **singular verb** must have a **singular subject** and a **plural verb** must have a **plural subject**.

- ✓1. Find the subjects, verbs and objects.
 - a) The cat caught a mouse.
 - b) The children kicked cans.
 - c) William ate the juicy peach.
- ✓2. Underline the correct form of the verb.
 - a) The horses (have/has) blinkers.
 - b) She (is/are) very happy today.
 - c) They (wish/wishes) they could go to the party.

Verbs – transitive and intransitive

- When verbs have objects, we say they are **transitive verbs**.
For example: I flipped the coin. The verb is flipped and the object is the coin.
- When a verb does not have an object, we say it is an **intransitive verb**.
For example: We will go.

1. Say whether these verbs are transitive or intransitive:

- a) The king complained.
- b) She read the book.
- c) We all jumped.
- d) The river flows.
- e) I fell down the stairs.

